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Police carry away a right-wing protester who was trying to pray on the Temple Mount during yesterday's Tisha Be'av fast. Story, Page 3.

Ross tells PM: Assad still wants peace talks

A FLURRY of diplomatic activity swept the Middle East yesterday as US envoy Dennis Ross and Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat tried to mend strained relations with Syria and coax Israel and Syria back to the peace table. Ross made his way from Syria to Amman to Jerusalem, in the wake of French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, who took his peace mission on the same route earlier in the week. Arafat held talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad to mend strained relations and forge a common stand for future peace talks with Israel, officials said. Syria wants to further peace efforts and learn more about the new Israeli government, Ross told Prime Minister Binyamin

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

Netanyahu yesterday. "He said President Assad of Syria desires to further the peace process and is interested in learning more about Israel's new government and about Prime Minister Netanyahu," a statement issued by Netanyahu's office said. It said Ross and Netanyahu would meet again today. "Ross added that Assad is still in the process of making decisions and is interested to know on what basis negotiations with Israel could be furthered," it said. The statement said Netanyahu expressed his government's desire to further talks and quoted him as saying, "We are considering different ways to continue the process."

"Among the ways to further these talks, the issue of Lebanon was also raised and it was agreed that the continuation of the process will be done in a considered way after deep consultations," the statement said. "We had a chance to begin a further process of consulting on where we are and how best to move ahead," Ross told reporters as he left the meeting. Syria wants talks with Israel to focus on the Golan Heights before negotiating on Lebanon, but has not closed the door on the latter possibility, Ross told Netanyahu, an official in Jerusalem said. Netanyahu has said that Lebanon is the "place to begin," and sources said Israel wants to deal with Syria on Lebanon before discussing the Golan. Both US and Israel say Assad (Continued on Page 20)

US: Saddam barely escaped assassination attempt

DAVID MAKOVSKY

MEMBERS of Iraq's elite Republican Guard recently set off a bomb in one of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces five minutes after he departed, US officials said, citing what they called "credible Iraqi opposition sources." Up to 300 people were later executed in connection with the bombing, the officials added. US officials refused to say whether they could independently confirm the attack. One US official said he believes it did occur and deemed the move the "most serious coup attempt yet against Saddam." Details of the attempt, which reportedly took place during the first week of this month, remain sketchy. The official said it remains unclear whether the blast occurred in one of Saddam's palaces in Baghdad or in his hometown of Tikrit. He said there has also been activity against Saddam among the super-elite Special Republican Guard unit, which protects Saddam and is headed by his son, Uday.

TWA black box reveals 'unexplained sound'

EAST MORICHES, New York (AP) - Divers recovered TWA Flight 800's data and cockpit voice recorders in good shape early yesterday. According to initial reports, there was a quarter-second recording of an "unexplained" sound at the end of the tape. The tapes included the final conversations of the cockpit crew and the data recorders showed in-flight readings and measurements.

Clinton said he hoped to bring new high-tech explosive detection devices, currently being tested, to all US airports in the near future. He ordered more hand searches and screening of baggage at US airports and said a pre-flight inspection of any plane flying to or from the United States would be required. As Clinton traveled to New York to meet with grieving relatives (Continued on Page 2)

US official: Despite pressure, Syria is providing safe haven for terrorists

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US pressure on Syria to end its support for extremist groups is having some effect and will continue, a senior State Department official told Congress yesterday. "Syria continues to provide safe haven and logistic support to a variety of terrorist groups, both Arab and non-Arab," Philip Wilcox, the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, said at a House of Representatives International Relations Committee hearing. Wilcox named Hamas, Hizbullah, the Islamic Jihad and the Kurdish PKK as some of the groups backed by Syria. "Syria does not define the activities of the groups as terrorism," he said. He said Washington would retain economic sanctions against Syria and keep it on its list of countries that support terrorism until Damascus ended all support for the groups.

"We think our policy has had an impact on Syria. We have no evidence of direct Syrian involvement in terrorist acts since 1986, in contrast to some other states designated as sponsors of terrorism such as Iran, Iraq and Libya," he said. "Syria has used its influence from time to time to restrain Hizbullah rocket attacks across the Israeli border. The Syrian government has also demonstrated that it can use its influence to deter Palestinian rejectionist groups resident in Syria to avoid acts of international terrorism outside Israel and the West Bank and Gaza." Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, accused Syria of involvement in drug trafficking and said stronger US action may be needed. "The seeds of peace cannot be sown in an atmosphere of active support for narco-traffickers and terrorists," he said.

Up to 100,000 expected tomorrow at Rehov Bar-Ilan protest

BILL HUTMAN

A MASSIVE rally demanding the Shabbat closure of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan is expected tomorrow, with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani expected to meet with hardline leaders today in an effort to make sure the protest doesn't turn violent. Police estimate 100,000 people, including many coming from elsewhere in the country, will attend the rally. Rehov Bar-Ilan will be closed from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the demonstration, which is to begin at Kfar Shabbat in Mea She'arim, then continue in a march to Rehov Bar-Ilan. Organizers have promised police they will be responsible for crowd control, and that the event would not turn violent, a police spokesman said. Hundreds of policemen are to

be on hand to keep the peace, the spokesman added. The demonstration is the first at which police will be operating under Kahalani's "new" guidelines aimed at lowering tension between demonstrators and police. Mounted police and water cannon will be kept far from the site of the protest.

Four killed, four injured in road accident near Ashdod

FOUR people were killed and four injured on the Ashdod-Ashkelon highway early yesterday when a van driver who was apparently speeding veered into the oncoming lane and hit another vehicle, police said. They said the driver, Abed Hassan, 22, of Lod, who was among the dead, had in the past committed seven serious traffic violations, including three incidents of veering out of his lane. "We suspect that this is what caused this terrible accident," said Lachish District Police chief Ch. Supt. Edgar Raviv. (Tm)

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Kahalani's new model police force

The internal security minister says our law-enforcement officers should be kinder and gentler, even when dealing with demonstrations, Bill Hutman reports

THE proverbial tough but caring big brother is not an image usually associated with the country's policemen, especially in this period of weekly violent confrontations with haredim over Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Such confrontations are nothing new. Under the previous government, there were frequent incidents between protesters and policemen. Each side blamed the other for the violence, and the animosity only grew.

Now Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani wants to leave the past behind when it comes to the police's relations with the public, and this week he took the first step toward doing so.

"A policeman must be a big brother to the public," Kahalani said in an interview. Earlier he had announced strict limitations on the use of mounted policemen and water cannons to break up demonstrations.

"What is a big brother? He is someone who knows how to pat you on the back, to give a little money when it's needed. He knows when to help, and when to be mad," Kahalani said. "The policeman must be like a big brother. The public should feel good when he is around."

A helmeted policeman sitting atop a large horse with a wooden club in his hand doesn't make the public feel good, according to Kahalani. Neither does a policeman sitting inside a large, armored water cannon, he said. So both are now to be out of sight during demonstrations.

"A policeman must look a person directly in the eye," Kahalani said, describing the new orders given out to police brass around the country when dealing with demonstrations.

"The water cannons and horses will be available, but they will be far away, ... something like a half a kilometer from the demonstration. Only if there is no other choice will they be used. We don't have to always be crossing the line and finding ourselves in a situation where we are in physical conflict."

The 52-year-old minister called the policy, "our new line of restraint. It is going to be our policy not just at Rehov Bar-Ilan, but everywhere. Tomorrow there could be a protest in Acre, or the day after tomorrow of the Women in Green, and these are the rules that we are



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani: Only if there is no other choice will water cannons and horses be used. (David Rubinger)

The major criticism of Kahalani came from the Jerusalem police. Kahalani had rapped the city's police force, and its chief, Cmdr. Arye Amit, for "breaking heads" during last Saturday's haredi rioting at Rehov Bar-Ilan.

"The newspaper headlines that I didn't give Amit my backing are unfounded.... But at the same time, anyone who doesn't follow my policy won't be around for long. I don't want to play games," Kahalani said.

"No one will teach me about comradeship among fighters, or show me someone who has commanded more units than me, and tell me how to show backing for his fighters."

He also said, "My goal is to turn the policeman into a more humane creature. And that doesn't mean weak. Someone who is humane is not weak."

Kahalani DOESN'T expect that his new policy on demonstrations will cause a shake-up in police brass, or that Amit will be replaced.

The minister attributed much of the noise about his criticism of the handling of demonstrations to internal police politics. He said that the practice of officers vying for promotion by lambasting rivals in the press won't work. The issue of the police's behavior during demonstrations, is too serious for discussion to be deteriorate into name-calling and accusations, he said.

"I have always sought positions in which I can influence what happens in this country, and that is what I plan to do now," said the soft-spoken Kahalani who, unlike many politicians, tends to eschew demagoguery.

Other issues he wants to tackle include the traffic police's desperate need of improvements, and the separation line between Israel and the Palestinians, for which the police are to be largely responsible. This is currently little more than a plan waiting to be put into place. And the government's policy on Palestinian activity in Jerusalem needs to be firmed up.

His major responsibility, however, is ensuring internal security, as his job title indicates. Most security experts are painting a dismal and frightening picture of what awaits the country in terms of the threats of the renewal of terror attacks.

"Even if there is real peace between us and the Palestinians, there will still be Hamas and Islamic Jihad, who also want Jaffa and Ramle," Kahalani said. "Even if there is peace, I think that we will still have problems with those two extremist groups."

But what is of even greater concern, to Kahalani is that even supporters of the peace process are likely to turn on Israel: "When we come to discuss the final stage [of the Oslo accords] and the Palestinians realize that they won't get what they want on Jerusalem; that we don't exactly agree to the right of return of millions of Palestinians; that their demands for water won't be met; and that we won't give up Ariel — we can expect problems."

In the meantime, however, the minister's attention is on Rehov Bar-Ilan, and he will be watching closely this weekend to see how his new policy of restraint toward demonstrators is implemented.

going to abide by."

Police brass generally scoffed at Kahalani's new instructions. One senior officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the new guidelines would make little difference on the ground.

The water cannons and horses would be kept

away from the scene at the start of a demonstration, and brought in the minute they were needed, as has always been done, according to the officer.

The minister had promised to publicize broad new guidelines for police handling of demonstrations this week. But he only addressed the

matter of water cannons and mounted police.

Kahalani denied having backed down from his original plans for a "new line of restraint" in the nation's police force, as was rumored among police brass who believed the new minister was off the mark in blaming police, rather than protesters, for violent incidents.

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AGAINST THE GRAIN HILLEL HALKIN

yet become a 'burning' one, but its flames are already licking at the edges of our life... Today, when we speak in Israel of two types of observant Jews, daitim and haredim...

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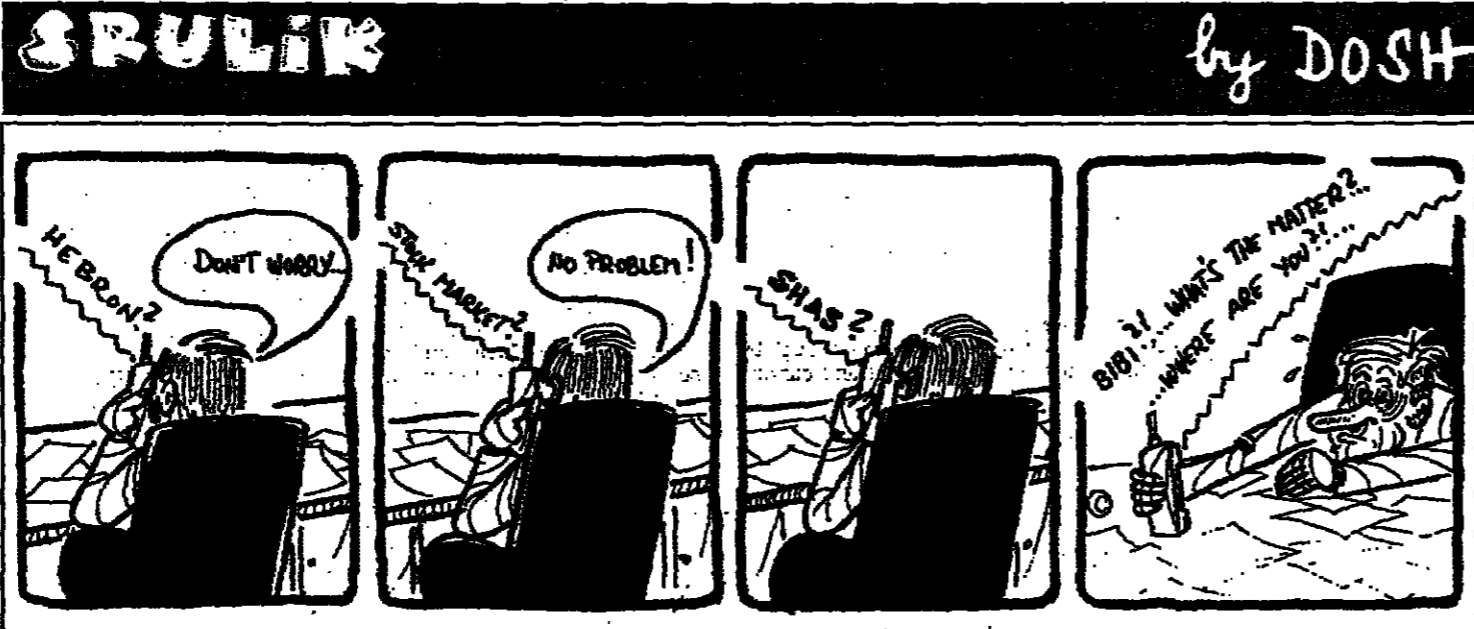
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A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

WE HAVE recently had four blatant examples of how people - and even politicians, diplomats and mediators - don't read what you've written or listen to what you're saying before pouncing on you for being "wrong..."

So contrary to Hillgren's implication and contrary to various alarms, Netanyahu nowhere stipulated democratization as a prior condition for an agreement with the PLO, Syria or anyone else...

Akbar compared him to Nero "who burned Rome." (See Kadot Akharonot, July 18, and with thanks to the Foreign Ministry's Information Department and Dr. Joseph Lerner, director of Jerusalem-based IMRA/Independent Review and Analysis.)



Bearing testimony

"And you shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." (Deut. 6:5) HOW are we to interpret the above verse, which appears in this week's portion of V'Et Hanan?

According to the classical work of Rabbi Moshe Haim Luzatto, The Paths of the Righteous, the answer is to be found in the next verse: "And these words which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart..."

the Torah, but makes "love" synonymous with "knowledge": "The commandment to love Him means that we must investigate and attempt to understand and contemplate His commandments and actions, that we may apprehend Him and in apprehending Him attain absolute joy..."

positive commandment to love God, he concludes with the idea that the individual must also bring mankind to love Him. Why isn't it enough to just sit in a study hall or science lab 18 hours a day, acquiring knowledge? Maimonides explains that when a person loves deeply, he wants everyone to know...

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Finding an ancient settlement with modern means

Archeologists are using airborne thermal imaging to uncover a 5,000-year-old city buried in the Golan, Abraham Rabinovich reports



Dr. Eyal Ben-Dor stands above a 5,000-year-old-buried city near Ramot in the Golan. Ben-Dor and a colleague used a video thermal radiometer to produce details of the buried city.

DAWN was still two hours away when the helicopter approached the Golan Heights at low altitude, its pilot straining to see his objective in the darkness. He circled it slowly as the operator behind him activated an imaging device.

The flight last October was not a military reconnaissance mission behind Syrian lines but a reconnaissance into the deep past - an attempt to determine the outline of a 5,000-year-old buried city. A heat-sensitive instrument initially designed by an Israeli electronics firm for military purposes was being used to help solve an archaeological puzzle.

The mission was successful enough to possibly herald a new chapter in archaeological exploration.

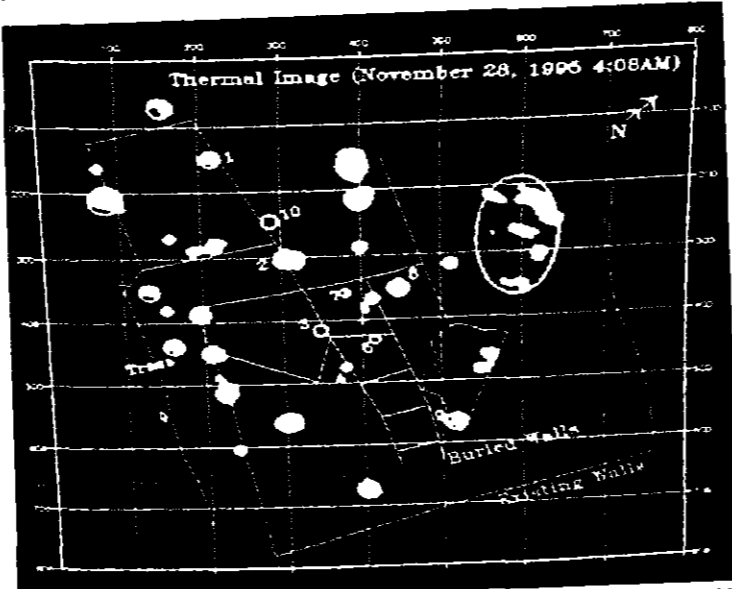
The site of the probe, just east of the Golan resort village of Ramot, had been examined at ground level by professors Moshe Kochavi and Yuval Portugali. Tel Aviv University archeologists. Remains of an ancient basalt wall, 5m. high, partially surrounded a large and seemingly barren space known as the Leviah Enclosure.

At least 10 other such enclosures have been identified in the southern Golan. Researchers believed that they most likely served ancient nomads either as animal pens or as defenses against marauders. However, when Kochavi undertook a test probe he

found that the soil was far from virgin. Beneath it was a dead city dating from the Early Bronze Period. The remains he turned up in a brief dig included streets and houses apparently laid waste in war.

To excavate the site conventionally would have meant a years-long expedition involving many thousands of man-hours, much of them spent digging fruitlessly into barren ground. Apart from the investment of time and money that would be required, the Golan's uncertain political situation made the launching of long-term archaeological undertakings something of a risk. Kochavi opted for an unconventional approach together with a colleague from the university's geography department, Dr. Eyal Ben-Dor, an expert in the use of remote sensing devices.

"We decided to use a video thermal radiometer developed by Elbit," said Ben-Dor this week. "It



can detect even very slight differences in soil temperatures and thereby indicate the presence of structures below the ground." Stones buried not far below the surface will retain more heat dur-

ing the day from the sun than the surrounding soil. At night the stones surrender that heat more slowly than the soil. The thermal device can distinguish the ensuing temperature differences even from aircraft. The technology had originally been developed to permit warplanes to conduct night attacks on targets identified by their heat emissions.

The helicopter flight was carried out last October with Ben-Dor operating the thermal imaging instrument. The readings were taken before sunrise in order to avoid influence from sunlight and shadow. Archeology students positioned on the ground helped guide the pilot to the site. He flew between 2,000 and 4,000 feet as Ben-Dor recorded the digital readings onto tape recorders.

In the subsequent months, the readings were used to generate a map which suggested the existence of underground walls and other structures. When overlaid on airphotos of the site, some of the presumed underground walls seemed to be continuations of walls visible above the ground. Several test digs verified that the underground walls were indeed there.

KOCHAVI, delighted by the results, plans to request another flight in order to expand the area surveyed. Next summer he will undertake an excavation, using the thermal imaging like a treasure map. Similar imaging may also be used to establish whether the other Golan "enclosures" likewise mark the site of ancient cities.

"Normally, archeologists attack large tells with very small forces," says Kochavi, referring to the manpower available. "You may end up digging only 1 percent or 4 percent of a site so it's important to find the right place to excavate. The problem is always where to begin. You are guided by instinct and experience but much of it is left to chance. What you get with this instrument is something like a fuzzy X-ray but it enables you to say 'oh, here's something.' I'm sure that this is a method that will come into wide use." The Golan results are already being talked about in the profession, he says, even though they haven't been published yet.

Thermal imaging is not suitable for every site, notes Kochavi - not, for instance, where remains are deeply buried, and not for complex sites where the interwoven remains of many periods would produce only a confusing map.

Thermal sensors have been employed in satellites to uncover archeological sites in other parts of the world, says Ben-Dor, but there is a significant difference between those sensors and this. "With satellite sensors, the objects have to be very large before they can be picked up, something like 120 sq.m., at least. Also they will not pick up temperature differences smaller than about 1° centigrade. With the equipment we used we can pick up objects only half a meter wide and temperature differences as little as 0.1 percent."

Ben-Dor believes that thermal imaging has not been employed elsewhere in the world from aircraft for archeological purposes. "I've found no reference to it in the professional literature," he says.

The remains examined on the Golan are only five to 10cm. below the surface, which made it easy for the instrument to detect them. "It wouldn't work if the remains are 30cm. deep or more," says Ben-Dor.

It is essential, he says, that the soil and the archeological remains be of substantially different materials so that their temperature emissions are different. "If the walls were of mud brick we couldn't have distinguished between them and the soil around them," he says.

An Elbit official in charge of the thermal imaging program, Eli Cohen, revealed that the same equipment had previously been used by an Israeli researcher to scan the subsurface of Jerusalem's Temple Mount from the air and in the search for an ancient burial site in Hebron. Unlike on the Golan, however, these soundings were not intended to serve as a basis for excavations.

Cohen said the company had adapted the thermal imaging device in 1992 for civilian purposes. Weighing 8kg., the instrument together with ancillary equipment and software costs about \$90,000. It was made available for the archeological survey, says Cohen, partly as a public service and partly for technical information derived from the experiment by the company itself.

Not too many years ago Israeli archeologists refrained from using mine detectors, partly because it was considered "not sporting," partly because the devices were associated with antiquity robbers who used them in searching for coins. The archeologists have long since lost their shyness about using even high-tech instrumentation if it will help them decide where to put their low-tech shovels into the ground.



Japanese Consul Fumiaki Takahashi and his wife Yuki participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the opening of Mikio Toki's kites exhibit at Haifa's Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art. (Eyal Landmann)

Cutting through the Pyramids

GRAPEVINE
GREER FAY CASHMAN

IT WAS easier to cut the pyramids than to build them, said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after he and Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny had cut through a huge cake adorned with marzipan replicas of the pyramids and the sphinx. Speaking at the Herzliya Country Club at the spectacular celebration marking the 44th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Egypt, Netanyahu noted that the relationship between the people of Israel and the people of Egypt has a longer history than that of any other two nations in the world.

"I'm speaking in English," Netanyahu quipped to Bassiouny, "so you won't have to pretend that you don't understand me."

Minutes earlier, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who had been invited to join the Bassiounys and the Netanyahus on the podium, was enthusiastically embraced by the ambassador, who automatically began chatting to him in Arabic. Netanyahu, who wanted to join in the conversation, asked them to switch to a language he understands.

Engulfed by security men, eager photographers and enthusiastic supporters, a perspiring Netanyahu pumped flesh as if he were still on the campaign trail, assuring several people, "I got your fax, I got the message." One Egyptian woman was so elated at her proximity to the PM that she excitedly kept shouting "Bibi, Habibi!" It might have gone over well had he been running for office in Cairo.

may eventually combine with diplomacy.

If he were the consul-general in Chicago, he would be worried, said a smiling Gideon Meir, the foreign minister's adviser on Diaspora communities, who has worked with Zevadia over the past year. Never has a new consul who has not yet taken up the appointment received as much publicity as Zevadia has to date, nor have there been so many requests from both Israel and abroad for interviews, he commented. Zevadia recently met with her old boss Ehud Gol, who is currently Israel's ambassador to Spain. "I had you pegged for consul in Chicago, the first time I laid eyes on you," he told her.

SIGN OFF the times. Jonathan D. Sarma, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University, observed at a World Jewish Congress-sponsored lecture in Jerusalem that, for the first time in memory, "The New York Times doesn't have a correspondent covering the Jewish community, and Ari Goldmann, who did cover the beat, is now at Columbia writing a book about - Islam."

WHEN HE was mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek used to boycott diplomatic events in which separate receptions were held for Israelis and Palestinians. As a private citizen, Kollek is apparently unrepentant by the same comparisons. This week he accepted the invitation of Belgian Consul-General Count Michael Goblet d'Alviella. Another guest, author and retired architect Saadiya Netanyahu, who engaged various people in political discourse, was heard to remark that his nephew knows how to deal with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. His nephew, as it happens, is the prime minister.

IT'S CELEBRITY week with a capital C. A Jerusalem 3000 delegation of major American media personalities and business leaders, due to fly in on Monday, includes such heavyweights as Larry King, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Alan Dershowitz. The 40-member group is arriving under the auspices of the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah in coordination with the US Jerusalem 3000 committee. Some of the members will be presented with the Jerusalem 3000 award at a gala dinner at the Knesset which will also be attended by the prime minister, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon.

SPEAKING TO an almost overflow audience at the Center for Conservative Judaism's Monday Forum, Professor David Passow, who just authored a book, *The Prime of Yiddish*, revealed that in a 1930 census, 690,000 Jews living in New York claimed Yiddish as their mother tongue; and that in 1921 there were 12 Yiddish daily newspapers in New York City alone, plus many more in other parts of the US. Today there are none. Oy vey!

JAPANESE CONSUL Fumiaki Takahashi and his wife Yuki participated in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the opening of Mikio Toki's kites exhibit at Haifa's Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art. Occidental participants in the ceremony included museum director Nissim Tal and staunch museum supporters Menahem and Geula Liba'i, who acquitted themselves as if to the tradition born.

DISENCHANTED BY the Netanyahu administration well before the 100 days of grace are up, TV ratings king Dudu Topaz has intimated that he may throw his own hat into the ring the next time around, and run for election in 2000. If Ronald Reagan could move from the world of entertainment into the Oval Office, there's no reason to suppose that Topaz would be any less successful on the local scene. It would certainly put the noses of Ehud Barak, Haim Ramon and Uzi Baram out of joint. The question is: Would the *tchah-tchahim* vote for him?

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Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus (left) listens to opposition leader Milos Zeman after a debate on a motion of no-confidence in Klaus's minority government.

IBM profits drop but are still above expectations

COMPANY RESULTS REUTERS

ARMONK, NY — IBM Corp. said yesterday it earned \$1.3 billion in the second quarter, and though the results were down from \$1.7b, a year earlier...

Sales of hardware totalled \$8.6b., down 1% from a year earlier, while personal computer sales increased in all market segments, the company said.

Britain announces £4b. in defense orders

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain announced aircraft and missile orders worth some £4 billion yesterday with British Aerospace Plc and General Electric Plc winning the prime roles.

government had threatened to block the deal if Britain did not buy Apache. The news came as a relief to the winning companies after months of intense lobbying...

Cabinet to discuss Hapoalim's sale of Clal shares

Jerusalem Post Staff The cabinet will discuss Finance Minister Dan Meridor's proposed approval of Bank Hapoalim's sale of 5.5 percent of Clal Israel's shares...

BITS AND BYTES JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Aladdin announces latest product: Aladdin Knowledge Systems has announced the release of its latest product, R3. The new system represents the next generation of the Tel Aviv-based company's Hardware Against Software Privacy technology...

GDS releases new software: GDS has announced the release of its new software product known as Reality Check, which allows architects, builders, and urban planners to view computerized models in real time.

Genzyme establishes Israel subsidiary: Genzyme, a Massachusetts-based biotechnology company, has announced the establishment of an Israel-based subsidiary, Genzyme, one of the five largest bio-tech companies in America...

Intel searches for infrastructure developers: Intel representatives recently held a meeting in Kiryat Gat for 250 contractors, air conditioning companies, and electricians to discuss opportunities to work in building its \$1.6 billion factory.

Internet Zahav and Microsoft strike deal: Internet Zahav and Microsoft have signed a joint venture agreement by which subscribers to Microsoft's Business Pack will receive 10 free hours on the Internet through Internet Zahav.

Magic Software provides technology to British company: Magic Software has been selected by W.H. Smith News, the largest distributor of newspapers and magazines in Great Britain, to provide it with managerial applications.

MS Communications represents international PR firm: MS Communications, a Tel Aviv-based public relations firm that represents a number of high-tech companies, has recently appointed Burson-Marsteller's affiliate partner in Israel, Burson-Marsteller as an international public relations firm.

Net Scene gets thumbs up from CompuServe: Net Scene's Point Plus Internet program, developed in Herzliya, will be recommended and marketed to CompuServe subscribers...

Silicon Graphics develops graphics for videogame giants: Silicon Graphics has been selected by video game giants Nintendo, Sega, and Sony to provide programming for the visual and 3-D aspects of their games.

Team supplies computerized system to Kupat Holim: Team Computers has won the tender to provide its computer system to monitor the distribution of medicines to members of Kupat Holim Macabi.

Tower signs agreement with CA semiconductor company: Tower Semiconductor recently announced the signing of a letter of understanding with the privately-owned California-based WaterScale Integration.

Wizec buys American company: Wizec Solutions has announced its purchase of Business Systems, a South Carolina subscriber management systems provider.

Correction: Dovrat Shrem, the Polaris Fund, and Mirage invested

OTI raises \$8.25m. in private placement

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ON Track Innovations Ltd., a Rosh Pina-based maker of smart card products, has raised \$8.25 million in a private placement administered by Credit Lyonnais Securities, OTI announced yesterday.

The placement is the second such transaction for the company, traded on the TASE. In 1995, the company, which expects to go public overseas within the next two years, raised \$700,000 in a private placement.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS table containing exchange rates for Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) and Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (24.7.96) with columns for currency, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, and bank notes.

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DJ Industrial 4111.54 +0.73
DJ Transport 2984.54 -0.11
DJ Utility 2711.37 +0.15
DJ Energy 2711.37 +0.15

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Last Change
FTSE 100 3264.7 +1.9
Tokyo Nikkei average 2287.8 +2.8
Hang Seng 10763.8 -1.34
Istanbul 10763.8 -1.34

Israeli stocks in NY
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Amis B 4.78 +0.03
Amis C 13.97 +0.11
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Last Change
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Coffee (Sep) 1.025 -0.02

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Good IBM results in New York help boost London shares

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP
LONDON - A buoyant start on Wall Street led to short covering. The all-share SPI rose 34.54 points to 2,275.24 points.

Russian inflation down but trend may not last

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian inflation looks set to fall to a new post-reform low in July but government hopes of limiting price rises to just 20 percent this year may be too optimistic, economists said yesterday.

Bond markets see-saw

LONDON, JULY 25 (Reuters) - This is how major world bond markets were trading in late European business yesterday.

Murdoch seen buying stake in German pay TV group

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - International media tycoon Rupert Murdoch is expected to take a substantial stake in Premiere, Germany's only pay TV channel, according to a German media newsletter to be published today.

Dow, other indexes, rise

WALL STREET REPORT
NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks cruised through yesterday's session after an early jump on an encouraging profit report from IBM that helped restore some investor confidence about the computer sector's prospects.

Iran's rial unaffected by new US sanctions

TEHRAN (Reuters) - The Iranian rial has held steady against the US dollar despite hardened US sanctions against the Islamic republic, dealers said yesterday.

France to hit back if hurt by Helms-Burton

PARIS (Reuters) - France will respond with its own measures on top of any European Union retaliation if French firms are hurt by the US Helms-Burton law, tightening sanctions against Cuba and firms involved there, trade minister Yves Galland said yesterday.

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Woman murderer released from prison

News agencies

ANAM Jabari, jailed since 1988 for killing a yeshiva student, walked out of Neveh Tirza prison yesterday after receiving a presidential pardon in accordance with the Oslo accords.

She had served eight years of her 12-year sentence for shooting 18-year-old Eliezer Schlesinger in Jerusalem's Sacher Park in 1988, authorities said.

Jabari, a Jerusalem resident, spoke to no one, got into a car with Israeli license plates, and was driven away.

She was released after she signed a document promising to refrain from "further acts of terrorism."

"She signed a commitment vowing not to engage in terrorist activity," Prisons Service spokesman Moshe Malul said.

Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman yesterday added his name to President Ezer Weizman's order to pardon Jabari and May Ghussein, who is serving a life sentence for seriously wounding a tourist and murdering a cellmate she suspected of being a collaborator.

Ne'eman signed the order only after the High Court of Justice on Wednesday rejected a petition against the pardons.

Ghussein, however, refused to leave prison while three other Palestinian women prisoners remain in jail.

The three remaining prisoners, convicted by military courts, must have their sentences commuted by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan.



Anam Jabari (shirt over head) leaves Neveh Tirza Prison yesterday.

Several dozen other Palestinian woman prisoners who have been pardoned have refused to leave jail in solidarity with the remaining few who have not been pardoned.

However, Jabari's release is

expected to clear the way for this. Israel Radio reported that Dayan had decided to pardon the three, but the army had no information yesterday on whether or when that might happen.

Prisons Service offers Klingberg 'a few hours' leave from jail

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRISONS Service and security officials have come up with a proposal to allow convicted spy Marcus Klingberg to leave jail for a few hours for the first time in 14 years.

However, Klingberg's lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, said the offer isn't good enough.

Earlier this month, after the parole committee rejected Klingberg's request to be released early from jail for security reasons, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Oded Mudrik asked the security forces to suggest conditions for granting Klingberg a leave.

Yesterday, the conditions for the leave were made public. They include the following terms:

- the leave will last only a few hours
- the time of the leave will be secret to prevent media coverage
- the venue of the leave will be

coordinated with the Prisons Service

• Prisons Service personnel will accompany Klingberg at all times

• only first-degree relatives and a close friend of Klingberg's will be allowed to see him

• journalists will be barred from seeing or interviewing him

• the phone in the place where he will spend the time will be disconnected throughout the visit

• he will not be allowed to write letters unless they are inspected by Prisons Service personnel

Klingberg's request for parole was rejected on the grounds that he still possesses information that could severely damage Israel's security.

Feldman said he will demand that Klingberg be given a leave of 24 or 48 hours like any regular prisoner. The next hearing will be held on August 5.

Three dolphins protect British diver from sharks

Jerusalem Post Staff

A BRITISH tourist who was attacked by sharks in the Gulf of Akaba on Tuesday was saved by three dolphins, according to Israeli divers who witnessed the scene.

Martin Richardson, 29, was reported to be in stable condition in an Egyptian hospital yesterday.

The incident occurred near Sharm el-Sheikh at the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula. Richardson was among four British tourists who had sailed aboard an Eilat-based vessel, the *Jadran*, to dive in the waters of the Red Sea.

The *Jadran*'s captain, Yitzhak Hermon, said that he had stopped the boat a kilometer off the Sinai shore to permit the passengers to watch a group of dolphins cavorting nearby.

"Three people went into the water to swim with them," Hermon said. "When the two others came back, Richardson decided to stay in the water a bit."

"Suddenly we heard him scream. We thought it was a joke at first. Dolphins never attack humans. Then we saw him leap in the air and blood stained the water all around him. We understood that he was being attacked by sharks."

One of the crew sped to Richardson's aid in a rubber boat. When he reached him, he saw the injured man being circled by three dolphins, who leaped into the air, smacked the water with their tails and flippers, and placed themselves between Richardson and the sharks.

Oz Goffman, director of the Israel Marine Mammal Research and Assistance Center in Haifa, said that such behavior is known in cases where dolphins are protecting their young from sharks. However, he said, he knew of no previous instance of dolphins defending humans against sharks. He said that a dolphin could kill a shark by ramming it. There have been reports, he said, of dolphins guiding to shore sailors whose ships had gone down, and even letting the sailors ride on their backs.

There are only two other recorded cases of serious shark attacks in the Gulf of Akaba in the past 50 years, Goffman said.

WEATHER

July 27-28

Heifa	24-31
Tiberias	23-30
Alula	21-32
Samarita	18-29
Tel Aviv	24-29
Jerusalem	18-29
BeerSheva	21-34
Dead Sea	28-30
Eilat	28-39

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Shabbat: Gradual rise in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Cloud
Amsterdam	12	18	partly cloudy
Bombay	26	32	partly cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	21	partly cloudy
Chicago	65	75	partly cloudy
Hankow	24	28	partly cloudy
Harbin	13	18	partly cloudy
Hong Kong	26	32	partly cloudy
London	58	65	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	62	72	partly cloudy
Manila	26	32	partly cloudy
Medan	26	32	partly cloudy
Mexico	68	78	partly cloudy
Peking	13	18	partly cloudy
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Singapore	26	32	partly cloudy
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Raphael Patai, first Ph.D at Hebrew U., dies at 85

RAPHAEL Patai, a prolific anthropologist and expert in Jewish and Arab culture, died of cancer Saturday in Tucson, Arizona. Patai, 85, wrote dozens of books on Jewish and Middle Eastern culture, the life of the ancient Jewish people, on history, politics, psychology and folklore.

Originally from Budapest, Patai studied at the Hebrew University and in 1936 received the university's first doctorate. He came to the United States in 1947, when the tensions in Palestine made it difficult for him to find support for his research. *The New York Times* said in yesterday's editions. In the US, he held a number of academic posts.

Patai's books included *The Arab Mind* (1916), *The Jewish Mind* (1977), *The Seed of Abraham: Jews and Arabs in Contact and Conflict* (1983), *Golden River to Golden Road: Society, Culture and Change in the Middle East* (1966), *The Myth of the Jewish Race* (1975), and *The Jews of Hungary: History, Culture, Psychology*, which was published this year. His book *Jewish Seafaring in Ancient Times* is awaiting publication.

In his books, Patai retold ancient tales, seeing them as windows into the everyday life, culture and psychology of ancient peoples.

The poet Robert Graves was a fan of one such book, and wrote to Patai to point out similarities between ancient Hebrew and Roman myths.

That letter set the stage for three books: *Hebrew Myths: the Book of Genesis*, a 1964 collaboration with Graves; *The Hebrew Goddess*, in which Patai wrote of their joint thesis that the stories of an ancient Jewish goddess-worshiping sect had been excised from scripture; and *Robert Graves and the Hebrew Myths*, Patai's 1992 account of their collaboration and correspondence.

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